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## Cities sound off on decibel meters

By Jessica Danielewicz  
Student Government editor

DeKalb, home of Northern Illinois University, has successfully used a decibel meter system for several years to issue citations for loud house parties, a policy the city and some Eastern students are looking to implement at Charleston.

Lt. Dan Gerace of the DeKalb Police Department said Wednesday DeKalb has used decibel meters to measure the noise of house parties for a long time and it works well.

DeKalb city ordinance states decibel levels cannot be over 65 before 11 p.m. and they cannot be over 60 after 11 p.m., Gerace said. Measurements are taken from the property line of the resident making the complaint, he said.

Charleston residents and students

are working through the Noise Committee to institute a similar program; however, further testing and planning needs to be completed before the system is implemented as a means of deterring loud house parties.

In DeKalb, if decibels measure over the minimum, a warning or citation will be issued, and officers have the decision of which to issue, Gerace said. In addition, action does not take place until a complaint is called in, he said.

Depending on the time of year, Gerace said the complaints on house parties are common, especially as graduation approaches.

### Distance Measurement

Four other college towns in Illinois prefer to use distance measurement for noise problems rather

than Charleston's proposed decibel meter system.

Carbondale and Normal take action on noise complaints if it is heard 50 feet from the residence and in Champaign and Macomb noise cannot be heard beyond property lines.

In Carbondale, home to Southern Illinois University, if amplified sound is heard more than 50 feet away after 10 p.m. a warning will be issued, Dan Reed, Carbondale Police Department's public information officer, said Wednesday. Any additional warnings result in citations.

He also said the decibel meter system would be a good way to testify the noise level.

"That sounds pretty cool," he said.

Western Illinois University's Macomb allows for one warning per

semester, unless noise is excessive or residents will not cooperate, Chief Bill Hedeon of the Macomb Police Department said Wednesday. And sometimes, the Macomb police will allow two warnings per semester if the residents have not been too disruptive.

Macomb also looked into the possibilities of a decibel meter system several years ago, but opted instead for distance measurement because it allowed for more discretion, Hedeon said.

Normal, where Illinois State University is located, exercises this same procedure, but issues two written warnings per address per semester, Lt. Mark Kotte, community services coordinator for the Normal Police Department, said Wednesday.

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## Student Senate wants student on cabinet

By Jessica Danielewicz  
Student Government editor

A recommendation will be made to the university president by the Student Senate, that a student be added to the proposed President's Cabinet.

The senate passed the resolution Wednesday, with sentiments that students should be a part of the cabinet since students make up half of the Charleston population.

Various government officials from the Charleston and Mattoon area will be a part of this cabinet, whose main purpose is public relations, Donna Fernandez, Student Relations Committee chair, said at the meeting.

It was not clear Wednesday how the student representative would be chosen.

The senate also will recommend implementation of semi-monthly payment for student employees as soon as appropriate technology is in place to the Human Resources Department, the Payroll Department, and Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.

For semi-monthly payment to take place, students would have to convert to electronic funds transfer because student payroll checks can only be printed once a month.

Results of a survey that took place last fall indicated 91 percent of those surveyed would prefer semi-monthly payment, Internal Affairs Chair Ronnie Deedrick said.

At the time the subject was brought up, 20 percent of student employees had EFT, and since the survey, the number has increased to 40 percent, Deedrick said.

Payroll technology can be switched by December, Deedrick said. The senate will continue to encourage more student employees to take advantage of EFT in order to institute semi-monthly payment.

The senate vote on the University Board's proposed \$5 per semester concert fee will take place after spring break. UB Vice Chair Caleb Judy made the concert fee presentation at the meeting and answered questions. In accordance with senate bylaws, the bill must be tabled one more week before the vote can take place.

Senate members also discussed three possible bylaw changes.

Duties of the Housing Committee may become more expanded on off-campus housing issues. Current duties are somewhat vague on off-campus housing issues, Housing Chair Alison Mormino said.

Proposed modifications provide for the committee to organize a

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## Proposed bill pushes piercing education

By Melissa Nielsen  
Campus reporter

Piercing tongues, lips or cheeks has been a growing fad for young people, but new state legislation is underway to ensure that minors are not only trendy but informed.

Sen. Larry Bomke, R-Springfield, has proposed a bill aimed at educating parents and minors who want to pierce their tongue, lip, cheek or any other part of the oral cavity.

The Senate unanimously passed the bill Wednesday and the House of Representatives is expected to vote on it within a few weeks, Bomke said.

Illinois law already requires that parents be present and sign a waiver before a minor can get any part of the body pierced; however, the new legislation would add a clause to waivers requiring parents to sign under the statement, "I understand that the oral piercing of the tongue, lips, cheeks or any other area of the oral cavity carries a serious risk of infection or damage to mouth, teeth or both infection and damage to those areas. That could result in, but is not limited to, nerve damage, numbness and life threatening blood clots."

Bomke described the clause as a "warning label" for parents and minors who may be unaware of the negative health effects of piercing the oral cavity.

Dave Marsh, director of government relations for the Illinois Dental Association, said the IDA prompted the bill "to make the consumer aware of what could happen to people who get this done."

Oral piercing can cause swelling, blood clots, cracked teeth, swallowed jewelry parts or hemorrhaging, nerve damage or numbness, an IDA press release said. Speech impediments and a damaged sense of taste are other possible side effects.

"Whether people want to do it or not is their choice, but if they know of the risks they may think twice about it," Marsh said.

Chad Henderson, owner of Skin Tease in Charleston, said to pierce a minor, he demands the parents be present and show a valid drivers license. Parents must also sign



Photo illustration by Colin McAuliffe

**Two Eastern students show off their tongue piercings. There is legislation in the Illinois House that would create a warning label for parents who sign consent waivers for underage children to receive oral cavity piercings.**

a waiver saying they will not sue him for any reason.

Henderson said he supports the new clause and thinks it may protect him from parents and children who might be unsatisfied with their piercing. However, he has never had any complaints from parents before.

Before Henderson pierces anyone, he said he carefully looks for the veins in the tongue and takes proper precautions depending on the size and position of the veins to prevent uncontrollable bleeding. Anyone who gets pierced receives instructions on how to care for an oral piercing with everything from how to clean the piercing to not chipping teeth with it.

The owner of Ink Spot Tattooing in Charleston, Kenny Alexander, said the legislation will not affect him because his business has refused to pierce minors for almost two years.

"I think you should be an adult to be pierced, period, no matter what the law says," he said.

Alexander said he would rather not deal with parents who may get upset because of infections or other complications and his integrity stands in the way of piercing minors.

Bomke said he hopes the bill will reduce number of health problems related to oral piercing by making parents and minors more aware of what complications can arise.



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## Chit-chat

Caroline Sullivan and Sharon Petzold, both senior marketing majors, work on their homework for their 3 p.m. Marketing Research class Wednesday afternoon on the Lumpkin Hall patio. The two were taking advantage of the warm, sunny weather.

# Eve's Bayou will foster discussion

By Carly LaMonica  
Staff writer

The movie "Eve's Bayou" will be presented Thursday with an open discussion following as part of Women's History and Awareness Month.

The event will be held in the Women's Resource Center in the Stevenson Hall basement at 4 p.m.

Robin Murray, a member of the Women's Advocacy Council, the group that runs the Women's Resource Center, will show the film and lead a discussion on

what the movie brings to mind.

"Eve's Bayou," released in 1997, is set in Louisiana and told from the viewpoint of a 10-year-old girl named Eve Batiste and tells of her struggles with her African American Creole family.

The film stars Jurnee Smollett, who plays Eve, Samuel L. Jackson, who plays Eve's father, along with actors Lynn Whitfield and Debbie Morgan.

After the movie, Murray will lead a discussion that will focus in on such topics as race, religion and the movie's time period.

Murray mentioned that she will also possibly discuss the gothic elements of the film that strengthen the direction of the movie.

Eastern students, faculty and all members of the community are encouraged to attend the presentation, Murray said.

The event is sponsored by the Women's Advocacy Council and is one of the many events they will sponsor during the month of March, which is Women's History and Awareness Month.

Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

# RHA handling nominations for coordinator

By Jennifer Price  
Staff writer

Nominations for the National Communications Coordinator will be taken Thursday during the Residence Hall Association meeting.

The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. in the Ford Hall lobby.

The National Communications Coordinator is responsible for going to different conferences in the state, regional and national levels to represent Eastern, RHA President Kevin Leverence said Wednesday.

"This position is also in charge of the delegations that go to these conferences which is usually between eight and 15 people," Leverence said.

After nominations are made, the election for the position will be held on March 21.

Leverence said plans to change the constitutional proposal for executive board positions will be discussed at Thursday's meeting.

Right now, an individual must have attended at least seven meetings in order to be eligible for the executive board position, Leverence said.

"This requirement may restrict many eligible candidates from being able to apply and we feel it might be beneficial to lower the number of meetings needed," Leverence said.

Nominations for the five executive board positions for fall 2002 will be taken on March 21

and the election will be on April 11.

The proposed \$20 donation to the Haiti Connection run/walk for non-violence is on Thursday's agenda.

"They came looking to us for sponsors and unfortunately the highest amount we could offer was \$20," Leverence said.

The RHA's agenda also includes nominating and electing five people for the National Residence Hall Honorary.

"This is a service organization which represents the top 1 percent of leaders on Eastern's campus," Leverence said.

The RHA is responsible on nominating and endorsing the five individuals elected into NRHH.

## campus forecast

### today



### Friday



### Saturday



## police blotter

### Alcohol violations

■ Cody A. Egan, 21, of 1703 Ninth St., was arrested for selling alcohol without a license at 3 a.m., Saturday, March 2 at 1703 Ninth St., a police report stated.

■ Saul Salamanca, 20, of 152 Thomas Hall, was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor at 2:59 a.m., Friday, March 1, at 307 Polk Ave., a police report stated.

### Public urination

■ Michael E. Gier, 23, of 1903 10th St., was arrested for public urination at 12:15 a.m., Saturday, March 2, at 1412 Fourth St., a police report stated.

## Criminal damage to property

■ Everett J. Bruner, 21, of the 1200 block of Division Street, was arrested for battery, consumption of alcohol by a minor and disorderly conduct at 12:50 a.m. Aug. 31 in the 400 block of Sixth Street.

## Correction

An article in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly attributed the announcement of staff cuts in the Charleston school district.

Ted Wetekamp, school superintendent announced the cuts last month. The forum held Tuesday night by the Charleston Joint Parent Teacher Association, was not held to announce the cuts, but rather to provide a forum for parents to ask questions.

The *News* regrets the error.



# Funding for Doudna changes again with state budget

By Jamie Fetty  
Administration editor

The funding for movable equipment for the Doudna Fine Arts Center renovation has seen its fate change and change again during a tumultuous year for the state budget.

In the first step for budgeting for the fiscal year that begins this July 1, Eastern asked the Illinois Board of Higher Education for \$600,000 for movable equipment. The funds would pay for music practice rooms that can be used in temporary locations and then moved in to the finished building, Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said Wednesday.

But when the IBHE published its budget recommendations late last fall, it recommended \$7.5 million. That would cover the total cost of the equipment, which includes anything portable, such as desks, chairs, lighting and speakers.

And when Governor George Ryan released his budget in February, he said Eastern will receive \$6 million for the project. Cooley said that Eastern will request the other \$1.5 million for fiscal year 2004, which begins July 1, 2003.

Doudna's renovation falls into the budgetary category of capital projects, along with similar projects of Illinois' colleges. Each is assigned a priority number, and Doudna was listed as the No. 5 priority. That means it will probably get the money, unlike Eastern's \$5.5 million electrical upgrade and chilled water loop project, which was priority No. 29, Cooley said.

Money the state gives colleges and universities for capital projects is separate from the state-funded operating budget that is seeing a \$2.3 million rescission this year and a probable base cut next year.

The state is more likely to cut funds from operating budgets, Cooley said, because discontinuing capital projects just means the state pays workers unemployment instead of paying them to work.

"They're paying either way; it makes more sense to keep people employed," Cooley said. "I think everyone understands that."

Generally, capital projects are funded through about priority No. 20, as funds allow, Cooley said, but since the first publication of the list, some items have been moved or added.

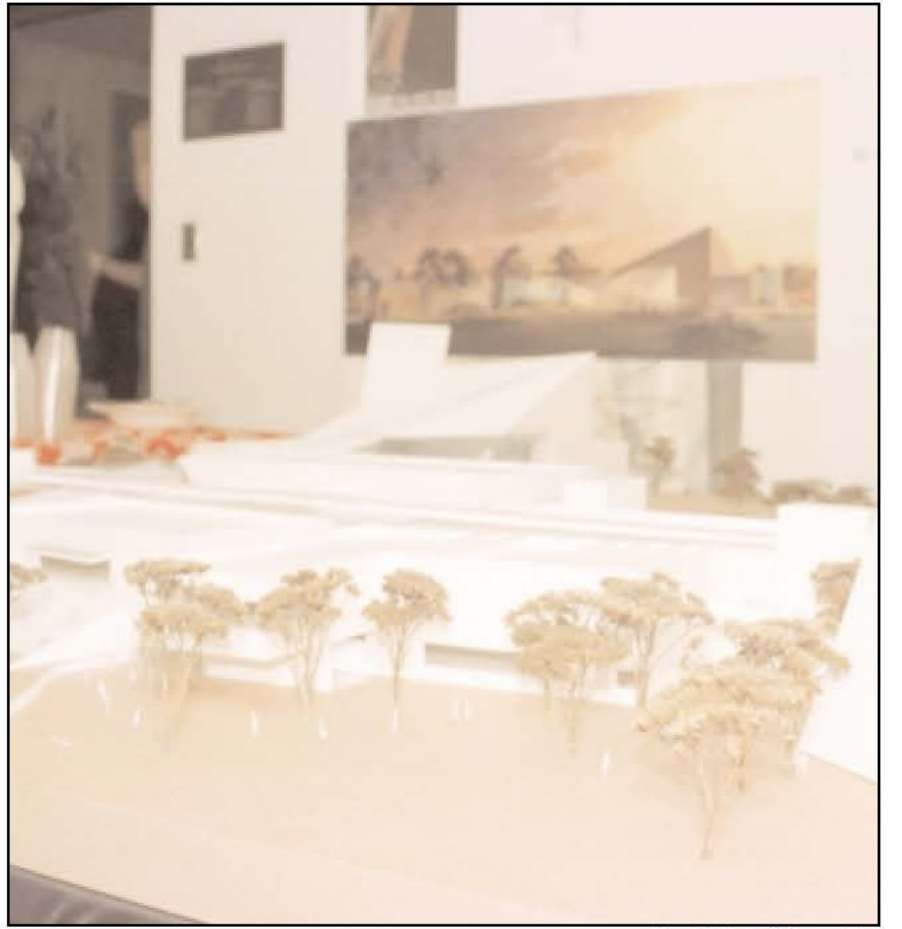
Offices and classrooms in Doudna are cramped and run down and a new building, which will expand across Seventh Street, will be built to the tune of \$46.3 million by 2005. That doesn't include the \$7.5 million for the equipment.

Cooley said he doesn't think asking for the \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2004 will impact other budget requests. The IBHE has shown support for the project, he said, and the additional amount isn't that much in capital project terms.

"In the scheme of things \$1.5 million is a small price," Cooley said.

For now, Cooley said, \$6 million is fine for Eastern.

"We are very pleased with \$6 million. It will allow us to move forward," he said.



Mandy Marshall/Photo editor

The Doudna Fine Arts center model displayed at Burle Ives art studio. The new building, which is slated to be completed in 2005, will cost an estimated \$46.3 million.

# Righter looks to continue local service in a new role

By Jeremy Pelzer  
City reporter

If elected state senator, Eastern alumnus Dale Righter will face the challenge of getting to know the residents of his district in the same way he knows the constituency of his current House district.

Righter, a Republican who has represented Charleston and Mattoon in the State House of Representatives for more than four years, is running unopposed for state senator in the newly 15th District.

While Righter's House district only included Coles, Edgar, Clark, and part of Douglas County, the 15th District covers eight counties, and parts of four others.

"I'll get it done, but it will take some time," he said.

Another problem facing Righter is explaining to people how Senate districts have been altered.

Last year, the state legislature passed a redistricting plan that Righter says "does an excellent job of slicing and dicing Republican districts and pitting Republican congressmen against each other."

Under the new plan, cities such as Altamont, Mt. Carmel and Shelbyville are divided between two separate districts, creating confusion among many voters, Righter said.

"Part of my job as a congressman is to educate voters where they're at," he said.

Righter, who was born and raised in Mattoon and received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Eastern in 1988, said it was important for him to do a good job.

"I think people around here do pay attention to the work their elected officials do," he said.

After the election, Righter said the most important issue that the Illinois Senate will face is ensuring

the fiscal health of the state.

"Most people's first concern is to make sure our books are balanced," he said.

Another important issue that will face the new legislature is how to fund education.

Downstaters favor the current program of general state aid for education, as it means lower taxes for them, Righter said.

Legislators from Chicago and the suburbs, however, do not like the system since it siphons money from their districts and sends it downstate, he said.

Currently, downstate schools educate 35 percent of Illinois students, but receive 48 percent of state education funding, Righter



Dale Righter

said.

"(If I was a Chicago legislator), why would I vote to raise income taxes on my residents, when most of that money would go downstate?" Righter asked.

While acknowledging that downstate legislators consistently bicker with Chicago-area legislators over education and other issues, Righter said it was not a matter of good versus bad.

"I don't attribute this competition to some evil or bad interest on the part of legislators up north," he said. "Everyone's out to deepen their areas."

"Having said that, I think people in my position have to act not just in the best interest of their district, but in the best interest of the state," he said.

The legislature is also divided on a partisan basis, Righter said.

"I've seen some measures go through the House on a purely par-

tisan basis," he said.

But, Righter said that a legislator's primary job is to serve the residents of his or her district.

"I think the first most important job of someone in my position is to be a constituent servant."

"I'll be an advocate for my constituents in a legislature increasingly dominated by the northern parts of the state. Whether that means cooperating with members of parties or legislators from Chicago," he said.

"Over the past four-and-a-half years, I think I've picked up a fair amount of knowledge of how to get things done in Springfield," Righter said. "This is a chance for me to take that knowledge into a chamber where instead of a chamber of 118 (in the state House), it's a chamber of 59."

"Hopefully, I will be a bigger voice for the people of Eastern Illinois," he said.

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## Poor rental showing

The city's voluntary rental inspection program is useless, ineffective and an embarrassment to Mayor Dan Cougill's administration.

For almost a year, Mayor Cougill had been attempting to implement a mandatory rental inspection program to help ensure rental properties would be safe and in good condition for students, a noble

### Non-program program

The landlord inspection program is ineffective. It's only a cover-up to make the city look as though it is taking action.

cause especially during the election year.

The proposal stirred substantial opposition from Charleston's local landlord population, which is comprised of

more than 50 individuals who rent more than 300 properties in Charleston.

The policy was needed, and if implemented as drafted, it would have been an effective means of eliminating eye-sore slums from the sight the Charleston community, and it would have made sure students lived in safe housing.

But late last semester, Mayor Cougill suddenly realized Charleston didn't have the power to implement such a regulation because the city does not have "home rule," a stipulation of the Illinois Constitution which dictates what laws local governments have the authority to enforce.

Since Charleston has a population of less than 25,000, it can not implement any regulations the constitution does not specifically authorize, the stipulation said. If Charleston wanted to gain "home rule" authority, it would have to pass a referendum to that affect, a hard measure to push.

In response to this revelation that the city could not implement the mandatory inspection program, which would require regular inspections of rental properties by city inspectors, Mayor Cougill and the Student Senate's External Relations Committee came up with a plan to have a "voluntary rental inspection program."

Wait a minute. That's what the city has always had. Renters and landlords have always been able to "volunteer" for rental inspections. The problem is the only ones who ever do are the ones who have nothing to worry about.

And guess what happened with the "voluntary rental inspection program?"

Three landlords have signed up, opening their newest and most in shape properties to city inspectors. And worst yet, the list of properties totals under 10.

Put that in perspective to the 50 or so landlords with nearly 300 city properties in the city.

The volunteer rental inspection program is only distracting from the fact that something still needs to be done to polish up the slums that some landlords pass off as rental properties.

It's time to go back to the planning stages.

■ The editorial is the majority opinion of *The Daily Eastern News* editorial board.

## Reminders for a safe spring break

Spring break. Yeah it's that time of the year again. A much needed break for the hard working college students. A chance for us to relax, let loose and forget about school.

Hopefully, the plans have been set and the tropical destination of choice is beautiful and sunny.

Now I know everyone's not the same and some people will be staying home for this break. In my

eyes, however, the only excuse you have for not going somewhere without snow on the ground in March (like our beloved C-town) is money.

Students need a vacation, not just from school but from everything else that can bug the crap out of us. This is a break – a time without papers, tests, family (sure we love them, but seriously, "Hey mom, ready to check out Bourbon Street?"), annoying roommates and work.

It's the ultimate getaway with your bros or girls – the time to let yourself go and do crazy things that you think about later and kick yourself in the ass for. Oh well, we all live life once, and if we live it right, once is enough.

But before all of you go off to Never Never Land, I think there are a few things that are essential in the packing process.

■ Guys and girls: Pack the wallet full of money. Checks, credit cards, travelers checks or cash, and don't be stingy with it. You hopefully saved up for this, so be spontaneous and buy that shirt that you'll only have the guts to wear once or throw down the money to bungee jump. If you don't, your mind will always be cluttered with what if's.

■ Guys and girls: Make sure and bring some sun block. Sure we all want to be nice and tan when we get back to Eastern, but you don't want to burn and spend a day or two in the hotel room because your face looks like a red balloon ready to pop.

■ Guys and girls: If possible, a cooler would be handy. No one wants to go out on the beach to layout and turn around to run back inside every five minutes to get another drink.

■ Guys and girls: Phone cards are a must. Regardless of what you might think, I'm sure you have someone out there that loves you and wants to hear from you. A quick check in to



Ben Duke  
Staff writer

"Students need a vacation, not just from school but from everything else that can bug the crap out of them."

mom might make her day. Oh, and you better believe if you don't call your significant other at least once, you quite possibly could be in a mansion-sized doghouse when you get back.

■ Girls: I know girls have enough sense to travel in packs, but just to be safe, mase is a smart thing to bring along. A little bottle on your key chain might blind a psycho drunk and

save that nail job you just had done.

■ Guys and girls: A decent swimsuit selection is a must. Guys, you've been working your butts off in the weight room, so now is the time to show off the pecs. Girls, you've been going to that tanning bed for a reason, so now it's time to catch some real rays and bare those tan lines, or lack thereof. Going to the beach and not laying out is like going to a bar without any money.

■ Guys: Now I know Eastern has an elite core of upstanding young men, but just in case, bring a Trojan or two. I want all you guys to live it up – I know I want to – but if you meet that one and only someone that you are destined to be with, be careful about it. For your own sake, I hope you know the girl, but if you don't, just remember –ah forget it, just pray afterwards.

■ Guys and girls: Last, everyone make sure and bring a camera or video recorder of some kind, because there is no way you want to miss anything. The memories, good or bad, are still memories that will only happen once. Hopefully they don't haunt you too much. Plus, it's a good reminder just in case you were in that state where the memories cells are all gone.

The main message is to have a blast. You're only this age once. Before you know it, you get old and you think back everyday about the times where you could actually see your feet and control where your hair grows.

There are a couple of don'ts. Guys – don't get thrown in jail. And girls – don't wind up on one of those Girls Gone Wild videos. Other than that, everything else is fair game.

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### Less funding, poor budget — what's next?

As a student of Eastern, I'm getting used to hearing excuse after excuse on the poor, or lack thereof, services for students. What is the cause? Is it bad budgeting or poor money management? Our campus has the appearance that it is on the rise and poised for greatness, but the Internet is an issue.

We have a \$21-million library facility. We have a brand new Welcoming Center on the way. We have built a state of the art 470-something thousand, gold plated, brick fence looking monument blocking the view of the most famous castle in Charleston. We have brand new replay screens in Lantz Arena where it is

### Your turn

Letters to the editor

more common to see people making out than it is to see Panther highlights. We have a brand new bowling facility, which is important as we continue the search for quality education.

Everything that Eastern has done has been an attempt to improve the impression Eastern makes on its visitors. Last time I checked, the reason we attend college is for the education.

How are the students supposed to be able to do any research using the Internet when you can watch the movie Titanic, in slow motion, before any Web site will pull up? As a finance major, the Internet

is a vital resource. The need for precise and up-to-date financial information is a must as we prepare ourselves for the work force.

Teachers once used the Internet while teaching classes. Not anymore. Did Eastern's executives see the demise of the Internet before it happened (Enron)? Over night we lost all speed to the Internet.

Technology is an ever-growing field; why can this not continue at Eastern? Unfortunately, I will be graduating and will never be able to reap the benefits of my qualm. But maybe my fellow "Easternonians" can achieve their dreams ad also, a fast Internet connection.

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# MicroFridges for sale following end of residence hall contract

By Melissa Nielsen  
Campus reporter

Because the university has terminated its contract with the company that rents MicroFridges to residence hall students, the company is now offering them up for sale.

Students can purchase a used MicroFridge from Collegiate Concepts Inc. for \$39 by accessing the companies' Web site and filling out an order form. Gladys Kays, office manager of Collegiate Concepts, Inc. said Wednesday.

Students can purchase the MicroFridges until April 1, but the deadline may be extended depending on student response. Sales are made on a first come, first served basis, but only 63 orders have been placed so far.

Sara Metzger, a customer service representative Collegiate Concepts Inc., said Wednesday the MicroFridges are 10-years-old and the low sales may be attributed to

past complaints about the MicroFridges poor performance.

The company has 850 to 860 MicroFridges available, 800 are currently leased while between 50 and 60 remain in storage. Kays said the MicroFridges in storage will be inspected to make sure they are running at the right temperature, and other problems will be repaired before they are sold to students.

The MicroFridges are purchased with no warranty and have been prone to malfunctioning thermostats and uncontrollable temperatures in the refrigerator, Kays said.

Mark Hudson, director of House and Dining, said Wednesday that he also received many complaints from students about malfunctioning microwaves and refrigerators and "the company was not as responsive (with repairs) as we wanted."

Hudson said the contract with Collegiate Concepts to lease the MicroFridges to residence hall students was terminated because of the

decreasing price of microwaves and refrigerators over the past few years.

Students can purchase a microwave and a refrigerator for themselves for less than the cost of renting a MicroFridge, which rent for \$178 an academic year, he said.

"If they could buy them for the same price as one year's rent we felt this would be in the best interest of students," Hudson said. "We wanted to give students better flexibility by purchasing what they wanted."

However, Kay said purchasing a used MicroFridge is a good investment because they are useful after college, at work, at home, in the basement or garage.

New MicroFridges can be purchased for \$500 and have a light touch pad on the microwave instead of a dial, but Kays said that was the only structural difference.

New guidelines allowing microwaves into residence halls will be proposed to the Residence Hall Association, Hudson said.



Mandy Marshall/Photo editor

The MicroFridge, which has previously been available to students for rental, is now available for purchase until April 1. In the past, the MicroFridges were the only microwaves allowed in residence halls.

## Perfectionism focus of workshop

By Jenni Teresi  
Staff writer

Karola Alford of the counseling center ran an interactive workshop Wednesday in The Martin Luther King Jr. University Union titled "Nobody's Perfect" on the obvious signs of perfectionism and how to combat them.

Alford chose to run this workshop because she encounters many students in her job that feel the need to be perfect.

"People aren't perfect. We all make mistakes. We have an expectation to be perfect

but we often get shot down," said Alford.

According to Alford, there are three categories of perfectionism.

One is self-oriented perfectionism. That means that a person judges himself or herself and is very self critical. Socially prescribed perfectionism is a type where one cares about what others feel about their performance.

Other orientated perfectionism is how an individual judges other people and the standards he or she holds for their peers. This leads to relationship problems and is known to drive people away.

## AB to decide on five board's budgets

By Jessica Danielewicz  
Student Government editor

Budgets for the five boards funded by the Student Activity Fee will be discussed and decided at Thursday's meeting of the Apportionment Board.

Total funds reserved for the boards are \$447,375, AB Chair Jen Fanthorpe said Wednesday. The five boards combined requested a total of \$495,670.20, she said, meaning a total of

\$48,295.20 will have to be cut from the boards' budgets.

The five boards, which are Student Government, the University Board, Sports and Recreation, Dramatic Performances and the AB, presented their proposed budgets to the AB at its two previous meetings.

The AB oversees the budgets for the five boards, and also has a reserve account for unforeseen circumstances of the boards.

Once cuts are decided, the boards will have until March 21 to revise their budgets. After revised budgets are approved, they will go before the Student Senate, Shirley Stewart, acting vice president for student affairs, interim President Lou Hencken and then Eastern's Board of Trustees.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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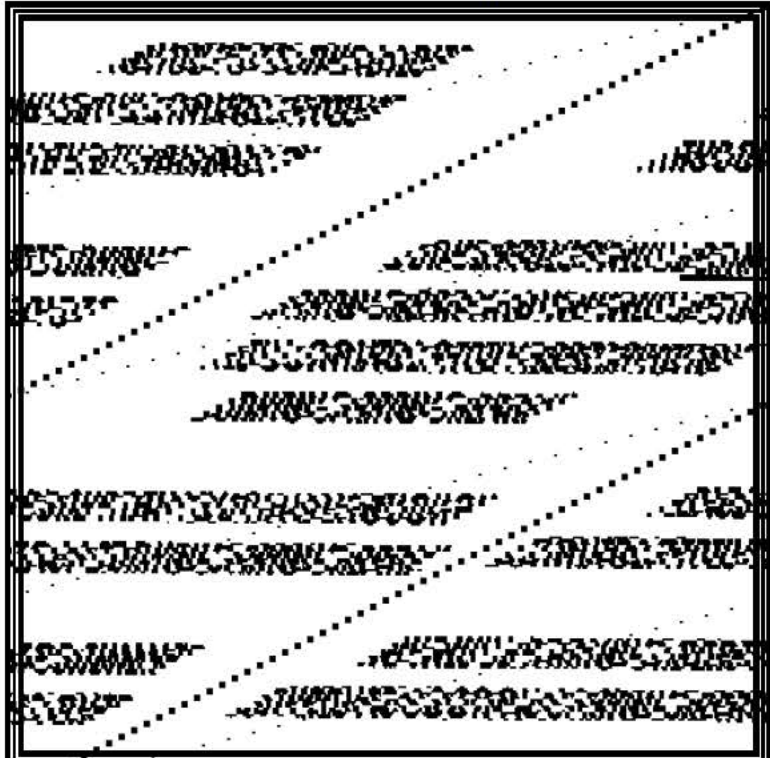
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Dr. Scott Levi, assistant history professor at Eastern, begins his lecture about terrorism Wednesday evening in Lumpkin Hall. Levi has lived and traveled to many places in the Middle East, including Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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# Historian shares his perspective

Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Many interested listeners filed into the Lumpkin Auditorium Wednesday night to hear Scott Levi lecture about the correlation between the United States and terrorism.

Levi, a historian and recent addition to the Eastern's history department, held a lecture sponsored by the history department, with the hopes of educating people about the recent terroristic attacks on the United States.

In response to the large turnout, Dr. Levi stated in a humorous tone, "History is not dead."

Levi believes that the "elimination of Osama bin Laden is not the solution. All that will do is create even more turmoil."

Instead, he suggests increasing foreign aid to the many people in

need. Levi said it is not only our duty as a country, but will also improve the terrorism situation by improving their ways of life by giving them what they are trying to attain.

In Levi's course, which he created and put together specifically to inform about terrorism, he looks at terrorism theoretically and from a global perspective.

Through his studies of the political aspects that drive people to terrorism, Levi has found four general rules.

The first is some kind of concrete grievance, such as an unequal access to employment or categorical oppression, which doesn't necessarily lead to terrorism, Levi said.

The second is the inability to arrive at a suitable goal. Usually a lot of ruling regimes don't like the populace, Levi said. This by itself also does not necessarily lead to terrorism, but could

in connection with others factors.

The third is some kind of disaffection of the elite, Levi said. That means terrorists with an education who articulate the injustices upon their people can gather support.

The final rule is some unpredicted catalyst that forces the people to resort to terrorism, primarily the unexpected force of the overbearing government.

Levi explained that one of the many reasons that Osama bin Laden planned these terrorist acts on the United States, besides the fact that they are taught to hate us, was because we still have troops in Saudi Arabia. Levi said as long as this remains, bin Laden cannot capitalize on the oil market which he feels Saudi Arabia is throwing away.

"Osama Bin Laden has dramatically misjudged our resolve," Levi said.

## Teacher certification program may change

By Scott Miller  
Administration reporter

The College of Education and Professional Studies is in the process of developing an alternative route to gaining teacher certification that will "attract quality teachers," Jim Kestner said.

In 1999, Illinois passed an initiative authorizing the alternate route in order to make up for a lack of teachers throughout the state, Kestner, coordinator of Web-based and alternative routes to teacher certification at Eastern, said Wednesday.

Since that time "12 Illinois universities have established a program similar to the one that Eastern is attempting to create," Kestner said, "and several others are in the process."

Before legislation passed the initiative, students were required to

complete teacher certification while studying for their bachelor's degree. The alternative route program is for people that already have their degree.

"The program is all about removing barriers," Kestner said.

The program, which is expected to begin in the summer of 2003, will be an eight-week program that requires a one-year paid internship as a teacher working with a mentor teacher. A two to three week assessment would take place during the summer following the internship.

People interested in the program must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited university and must have been employed for at least five years in an area pertaining to their degree.

"There are certain areas where it's difficult to get teachers," Kestner said.

"People that have worked in the field become candidates for great teachers

but lack knowledge on the different teaching styles."

Potential participants also must have passed the basic skills and subject-matter knowledge tests in the area of which they hope to teach.

A nomination from any school district is also required before a person will be admitted into the program.

This will ensure that the students are able to get internships, Kestner said.

The program must still be approved by the departments, the Council on Academic Affairs, the Council on Teacher Education, and the Illinois State Board of Education.

Kestner will be giving a presentation on the program to CAA at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. Union.

## CAA to look at intro class for non-traditional students

By Scott Miller  
Administration reporter

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday will examine a course designed to assist adult students above the age of 25 with the transition back into higher education.

The course, Educational Foundations 2985, would be required of all students in the Board of Trustees Bachelor's Degree Program, which is a program for students above the age of 25 that are returning to college to complete a degree that they had previously left unfinished, Lorreta Woodward, BOT degree program director, said Wednesday.

"The real intent of the course is to engage adult students more quickly to the education process, and provide them with information and skills on how to be successful," Woodward said.

The adult students want the "personal satisfaction of completing something that has been left undone, and others want the degree for job enhancement," Woodward said, "but many come back with fear of being in an environment surrounded by younger people in a competitive atmosphere. We want them to know that they can be successful, and help ease them into that."

Writing communication skills would be the focus of the course and the proposal is to make the course writing-intensive.

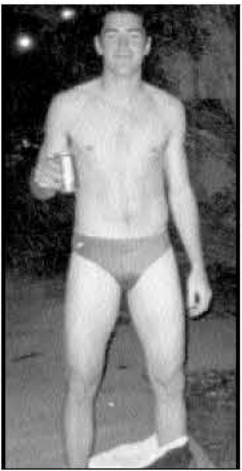
The course will also teach learning and study strategies and styles that will build the students' confidence.

"Many of these students have families and jobs that don't allow them as much time to complete assignments or be on campus," Woodward said.

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## Bash teaches safe spring break choices

By Lisa Flam  
Staff writer

While most Eastern students are busy this week gearing up for their week away from campus, the members of BACCHUS were busy encouraging students to make safe, responsible choices this spring break.

The second annual Safe Spring Break Bash was held Wednesday in 7th Street Underground.

BACCHUS President Jessica Galloway, a junior speech pathology major, said the group received donations from area businesses that were raffled off as door prizes through out the event.

Activities that were available to Eastern students at the spring break bash included a drunk driving simulation with fatal vision goggles, seat belt relays and information tables addressing safe sex and skin care.

Students also had the opportunity to put on the fatal vision goggles and play a video game that simulates driving under the influence of alcohol.

The seat belt races were designed to promote seat belt usage. Students that could get all four people to buckle up first could win a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut

"DJs By Name" provided music for the bash.

BACCHUS is a student-run peer education group with a mission of creating a safer, healthier, campus community one student at a time. Galloway said that the group had expected a good turnout, but they also feared that the nice weather may have been one reason for the low student turnout.

"We hope we made impact on as many students as we could, but even if we only influenced one student, it was worth it," she said.



Mandy Marshall/Photo editor

Katie Kittell, a freshman elementary education major, posts a sign advertising the BACCHUS Safe Spring Break Bash Wednesday afternoon outside of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The bash, which had minimal turnout, promoted safe drinking, safe sex and safe sun exposure.

## Rotary comedy night at Sarah Bush Lincoln

By Andrew McCammon  
Staff writer

Chicago comedian Greg Schwem will perform Thursday at Rotary Comedy Night, a benefit for the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center's Athletic Heart Scan Program.

The program was initiated six years ago to provide free heart screenings to sophomore athletes in 20 area schools.

"A number of young athletes have passed away while competing," said Nancy Phillips, a Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center spokesperson. "What this does is read if there is anything to cause concern."

The test is "a non-invasive, painless procedure that takes pictures of the way the heart is functioning," Phillips said. More than 1,500 athletes have participated in the program, and potential problems have been detected in more than 200 examinations, according to a press release.

The event will begin with a reception and dinner at 6 p.m. Schwem, named "one of the top 10 Chicago comedians working today" by the *Chicago Tribune*, is slated to perform at 7:30 p.m. Schwem's comedy includes "his hilarious views on today's technology," according to a press release. Event planners hope to raise about \$12,000, Phillips said.

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Decibel

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Both Champaign, home to the University of Illinois, and Normal have a student party patrol that usually patrols and responds to loud party complaints in the cities.

Champaign tried a warning system several years ago, but it did not work out, Scott Friedlein, sergeant in charge of alcohol enforcement and special events at Champaign Police Department said Wednesday.

The police do not generally respond to the first complaint, but will issue citations on the second complaint, Friedlein said.

He said the party patrol system has reduced calls for service at the department.

The student party patrol system has the same effects for Normal, Kotte said.

"I think it's great," he said. "We've been doing it for a long time."

Though Normal elected to go with distance as a basis for noise complaints, Kotte said the decibel meter system should be a good route as well.

Charleston's plan

Though specifics are yet to be determined, the newly-formed Charleston Noise Committee decided last week to look into a decibel meter system to measure noise levels and start a warning system before tickets would be written.

The problem with noise is that in Charleston the police cannot do anything about the noise until a complaint is called in, Charleston Assistant Police Chief Cunningham said Tuesday.

In Carbondale, officers on patrol can take action on noise before a complaint is received, Reed said.

And Champaign officers can act before a complaint if a safety concern is observed, Friedlein said.

Consistency has often been a problem in Charleston with noise issues because of the restrictions, Charleston Mayor Dan Coughill said Monday. The new system will make it more uniform.

"That will help fix some of the consistency issue," Coughill said.

Right now, when police officers receive a noise complaint, they have some discretion on whether to issue a ticket or not, Cunningham said. It depends on the type of noise and time of day.

Noise complaints are pretty regular in Charleston, Cunningham said, but a majority occur in the spring and fall.

"It depends on the time of year," he said.

The worst areas are Sixth, Seventh and Ninth streets, Coughill said, with the worst usually being Seventh Street.

Reasons this has become an issue lately in Charleston is a shift in neighbors, Coughill said.

More families with children are moving to the affected area and parties have gotten louder and tend to go on longer, he said.

Coughill said he has tried to get input from other communities on how this kind of noise is dealt with, but has not had luck getting a response.

"I know they've got issues," he said.

After spring break, the committee will set up some situations to get a feel for noise levels, and they will also ride along with police officers, City Planner Jeff Finley said Tuesday.

Determining acceptable noise levels

will be somewhat challenging because of different types of land, sound and frequencies, Finley said.

Guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency set out six frequency ranges, Finley said. For these there are three types of land; class A which is residential, class B which is recreational and class C which is industrial, and different ranges apply to those zones, he said.

Sound ranges from about 31.5 Hertz to 8,000 Hertz, with nine total frequency ranges represented, Finley said.

The human voice clocks in at about 1,000 Hertz depending on voice octaves while music covers a larger range depending on octaves, he said.

Further division on decibel meters, which is weighing in on what type of decibel meter the city will purchase, distinguishes between voice, music and industrial frequencies, Finley said.

One other factor determining noise levels include the time of day, he said.

All of these factors will go into selecting a decibel meter for these purposes, Finley said.

Total cost for a decibel meter and calibration equipment for the purposes of house party readings can range from \$300 to \$1,000, Coughill said. It also will not be too complicated to use.

"For what we're doing, it's fairly easy," Coughill said.

A meter will be ordered within the next few days for the field tests, and may or may not be the one used permanently, he said.

End results to these experiments are not yet determined, Coughill said.

He does not know if an ordinance or other action will result, nor is the target date decided. These variables are dependent on results of the tests, he

Senate

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housing fair to be put on in November, creation of a Tenant Union to address concerns of off-campus students, maintenance of the Landlord Registration program and to update and publish an Off-Campus Housing Handbook each fall semester.

Under the new Recognized Student Organization representation system, the Student Relations Committee assigns a senate member for all the RSOs that want it. Previously, the Housing Committee assigned on-campus senate members to go to hall councils. A proposed bylaw change would have the Housing chair work with the Student Relations chair on assigning the hall councils.

A resolution passed a few weeks ago has now been proposed for a bylaw. It says students who apply for senate positions but are not seated will be offered positions on committees as non-senate members.

By instituting this bylaw, students can gain some Student Government experience for when they apply for a senate seat again.

In other business, two new RSOs were approved.

The Charleston Green Party's purpose is to encourage students and the local community to become politically involved and to promote the ideas and philosophy of the Green Party.

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# Lantz Arena still lacks in-state rivalry during games

Anyone on this campus who went to Tuesday night's IHSA Super-Sectional basketball game in Lantz Arena was sure to notice at least one thing about the crowd.

It was not the size of the 5000-plus in attendance at Lantz Arena, but the excitement in the air that drew my attention.

The level of excitement in Lantz was higher than any other game I have witnessed here at Eastern.

Throughout the game, the noise levels soared like the bird that was flying around in Lantz all night.

What was even more exciting to watch was the interaction between Robinson's faithful fans who made the 120-plus mile trek from Trenton to support the Warriors.

Each side took every chance they could to rub in the fact that they were better. Every time there was a turnover in their favor, either side would move as one like a wave to make

sure everyone in the place knew which direction the ball was going.

I could only imagine how the players on the court felt with the other school's maniacs standing courtside pointing and screaming every time they were whistled for a foul.

After the game was over I wondered, why don't we have that same level of intensity for our games?

I'm not saying that the fans here at Eastern aren't as loud and enthusiastic as any other fans in college basketball, but what I miss is the rivalry between schools.

## Out of Left Field



**Matt Meinheit**

Staff writer

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Eastern is the only school from Illinois in the Ohio Valley Conference. The closest school to us is Southeast Missouri State, and there is a two and half hour drive separating us.

One of the greatest college basketball rivalries is unquestionably between Duke and North Carolina. Every time the two basketball teams play, it's a madhouse. The stadium is always packed with the two shades of blue from the Tar Heels and the Blue Devils.

When you look at what feeds that great rivalry, you realize that it is not hard to duplicate. All you need is a couple of schools from the same state and have a short drive separating them.

It is hard for Eastern to develop such a rivalry in the OVC without an in-state rival.

However, in the Missouri Valley Conference, Eastern would compete against three other in-state schools along with Indiana State in Terre Haute, Ind.

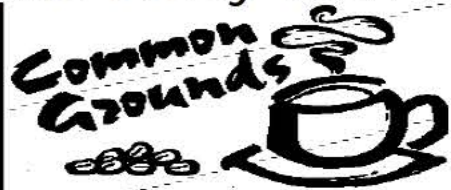
I know I would not go all the way to Cookeville, Tenn. just watch a basketball game between the Panthers and the Golden Eagles, but if Eastern was playing at a school where old high school friends went, like Illinois State, Southern Illinois or Bradley, I would definitely make the trip to Bloomington-Normal, Carbondale or Peoria.

Over Thanksgiving break, I went to Eastern's men's basketball game at Illinois.

Sure, my friend and I were stuck up in the second to the top row where I could literally reach up and touch the ceiling of Assembly Hall, but it was a great game to go to despite the fact that Eastern lost by 40.

I doubt that I will get to see the day when I will be sitting in Lantz Arena watching Eastern fans and the fans from Tennessee Tech or Morehead exchanging cheers and jeers, but I know I would like to see the same kind of energy in Lantz that I witnessed Tuesday night.

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# Tennis teams to compete in southern states

By Raymond Keeler  
Staff writer

The men's and women's tennis teams are going to have a week full of traveling and competition over spring break when the Panthers travel south to Flagler University in Saint Augustine, Fla.

On their way in to the great state of oranges and palm trees, they will head to Murray State University March 9 to catch a conference match-up before OVC competition actually begins.

Head coach Brian Holzgrafe

set up the trip with a friend and former tennis doubles partner Alan Kramer, who is the athletic director and head tennis coach for Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

They both helped set up the trip and provided the teams with places to stay with access to tennis courts.

The Panthers will face Wayne State University, the University of Indianapolis, Murray State, and a junior college which Holzgrafe calls "one of the best in the country," Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia.

With the budget cuts in Eastern's athletic department, there isn't much money left over for the lesser-known sports, and Holzgrafe is navigating into unfamiliar territory.

In his days at Saint Louis University, spring training sites were in states like California, Colorado or Arizona.

"We had our private jet," Holzgrafe said.

"Well, it's Conference USA."

In turning down the head coaching job at Saint Louis and accepting the job at Eastern, Holzgrafe has been able to find "the most efficient way" of doing

"We could play some Division I schools, but we would not get as much out of it. At least it's competition."

Brian Holzgrafe,  
Men, women's head tennis coach

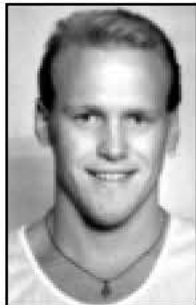
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But he feels that with this philosophy, it helps the players on his team "set appreciation" levels that are quite admirable when he compares the players from the two schools.

With C-USA ties, Holzgrafe said that he could have scheduled

some Division I schools for the spring training break, but said that it wouldn't have done much good because of the difference in talent level.

"We could play some Division I schools, but we would not get as much out of it," Holzgrafe said. "At least it's competition."



## Before Salt Lake City

**Dan Steele**  
Eastern athlete  
1988-1992  
Track and Field

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## Dream

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"After the '98 Games, I switched back to track and field, but this summer the bobsled team talked me back into it. They had to twist my arm a little," he said.

While racing on a track and sprinting on ice seem like polar opposites, to Steele they're almost the same.

"(In the bobsled), you're training like a pure sprinter," Steele said. "You have to rip the sled out of the hole and run as fast as you can."

And as the brakeman for the Olympic bobsled team, Steele's speed is critical.

"You need to be the fastest guy on the sled because it's accelerating in front of you," he said.

"If you don't have a good push, there's no way you'll win, even if you have the best driver in the world."

Although this is Steele's second Olympic Games, it was his first with driver Brian Shimer. In the '98 Games in Nagano, Japan, he was a member of Todd Hays' team, but this year the circumstances were different.

"I started out on Todd's team and I lived with him through two World Cups," Steele said.

"I went through a series of hamstringing problems, and by the time I was healthy enough, he already had three athletes pushing his sled."

"I felt like I was the No. 2 guy on the team, but he didn't want to change the chemistry. I couldn't blame him, but I couldn't be on the sidelines – I needed to compete. My decision to leave Todd's team and join this one set in a series of events."

The most important of which resulted in a bronze medal hanging around his neck.

"The way we did it was pretty extraordinary," Steele said. "It's great."

America had not seen a medal in the four-man bobsled in 46 years, and not only did Steele's team take the bronze, but his former driver Hays, took the silver.

To top that off, Steele's girlfriend, Jill Bakken, won the gold medal in the first-ever women's bobsled competition.

"My girlfriend (won) the gold in the bobsled," Steele said.

"That was the greatest moment in the Games up to that point. They were the underdogs."

"The only thing that could top that moment was if two men's bobsled teams got medals. But that was so far off the realm of possibilities that when it happened, I could say it was the greatest moment in my athletic career."

Not only was Steele able to be there for her, but for his twin brother, Darrin, as well. Darrin, also a former All-American track athlete at Eastern, competed in the two-man bobsled, finishing in ninth place.

"I was there for the whole thing," he

said. "I couldn't ask for a better script. There's so much – I feel like I lived a lifetime in 16 days."

While the Olympics are still fresh in his mind, Steele is already looking into the future. But his plans have changed now that he is a medalist.

"My intention coming into the season was that this was going to be the end," Steele said.

"I am content with my athletic career and can walk away at any time. My intention after this was to enter the college coaching ranks, and if I win a medal and end on a high note, that still may be the case. It's funny though. When you win, people throw money at you and want you to continue doing it."

Steele's goal has always been to go to the Olympics, and after his most recent appearance last month, it seems as if his dreams have been reached.

But Steele's not convinced it's over just yet. And with personal appearances scheduled through the summer, he will be reliving his dream every day for a long time to come.

"I'm definitely enjoying things," he said.

"Whether I compete in track and field is yet to be seen. I could make nationals, if I'm healthy, with just a short training season. But now I'm going back to Eugene and my girlfriend is coming with me."

And rest assured, he'll be taking that bronze medal with him.

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## The Shooter



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## Baseball games finally get regularity

**G**ood morning, sports fans. Spring break is supposed to be for fun, sun and baseball.

While many of Eastern's students will be in tropical locations over spring break, Eastern's baseball team will be down south finally getting in some games on a regular basis.

After getting snowed out in one of their games against Southern Indiana, and three straight losses to No. 9 Ole Miss, the Panthers will have their first chance to get some regularity in their schedule. Not to mention they get to enjoy some of the nicest weather they will see until May – plus they will get to the "sights" in New Orleans.

Eastern played well when they went to Ole Miss, and showed that they belong on the same field as some of the nation's better teams. Take away a few of the innings in that series and they might win a game or two against the Rebels.

Although the Panthers come into their spring break trip with a record of 1-3, they have a legitimate shot at coming back to campus at 8-4 losing only one of the games on the road trip. Let's not forget winning seven of eight on the road is pretty tough at this level.

Even going .500 on the trip would be a huge for Eastern, who in recent years have taken their lumps over spring break. They have seldom won more than a few games over spring break, and have had to battle back to make their record respectable, but this year should be different.

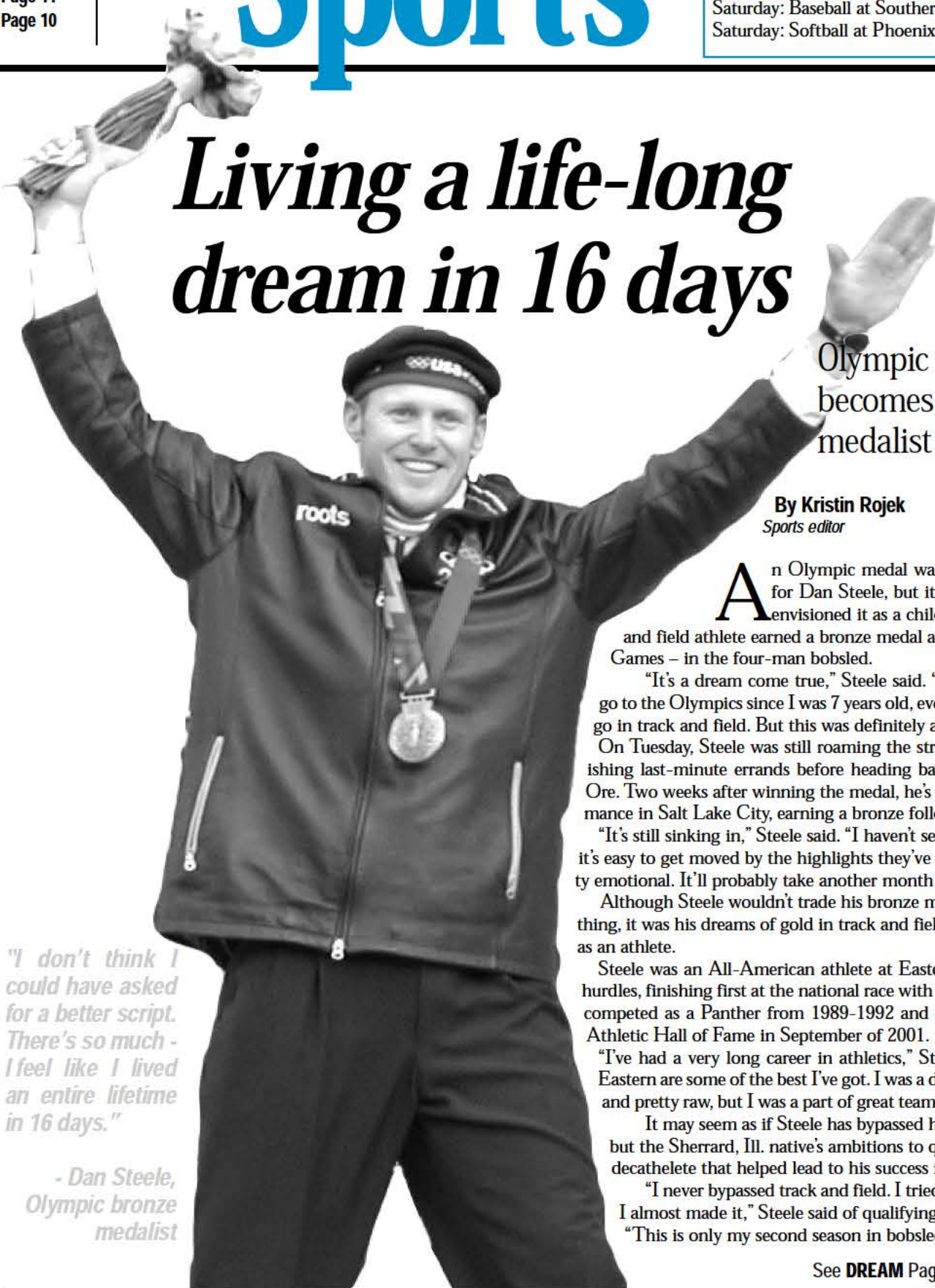
The Panthers have a chance to get a head start on something special in the next 10 days. With a good trip, they can gain the confidence that a team who is getting ready for its conference and home schedule needs.

So while many of us are lying on the beach, or pumping the slots in Vegas, the Panthers will be lying in the weeds waiting to pounce on the teams from down south that don't expect 'them yankees' from up north to be any good.

*"I don't think I could have asked for a better script. There's so much - I feel like I lived an entire lifetime in 16 days."*

*- Dan Steele, Olympic bronze medalist*

## Living a life-long dream in 16 days



Olympic medalist Steele becomes Eastern's first medalist at the Games

By Kristin Rojek  
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**A**n Olympic medal was finally a dream come true for Dan Steele, but it certainly wasn't the way he envisioned it as a child. The former Eastern track and field athlete earned a bronze medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games – in the four-man bobsled.

"It's a dream come true," Steele said. "It's always been a dream to go to the Olympics since I was 7 years old, even though I thought I would go in track and field. But this was definitely a dream."

On Tuesday, Steele was still roaming the streets of Park City, Utah finishing last-minute errands before heading back to his home in Eugene, Ore. Two weeks after winning the medal, he's still reeling from his performance in Salt Lake City, earning a bronze following a run of 3:07.86.

"It's still sinking in," Steele said. "I haven't seen much of the coverage, so it's easy to get moved by the highlights they've put together. It can be pretty emotional. It'll probably take another month or two for it to sink in."

Although Steele wouldn't trade his bronze medal in the bobsled for anything, it was his dreams of gold in track and field that led him on this quest as an athlete.

Steele was an All-American athlete at Eastern in the 400-intermediate hurdles, finishing first at the national race with a time of 49.79 seconds. He competed as a Panther from 1989-1992 and was inducted into Eastern's Athletic Hall of Fame in September of 2001.

"I've had a very long career in athletics," Steele said. "My memories at Eastern are some of the best I've got. I was a different person – more naive and pretty raw, but I was a part of great teams and had great teammates."

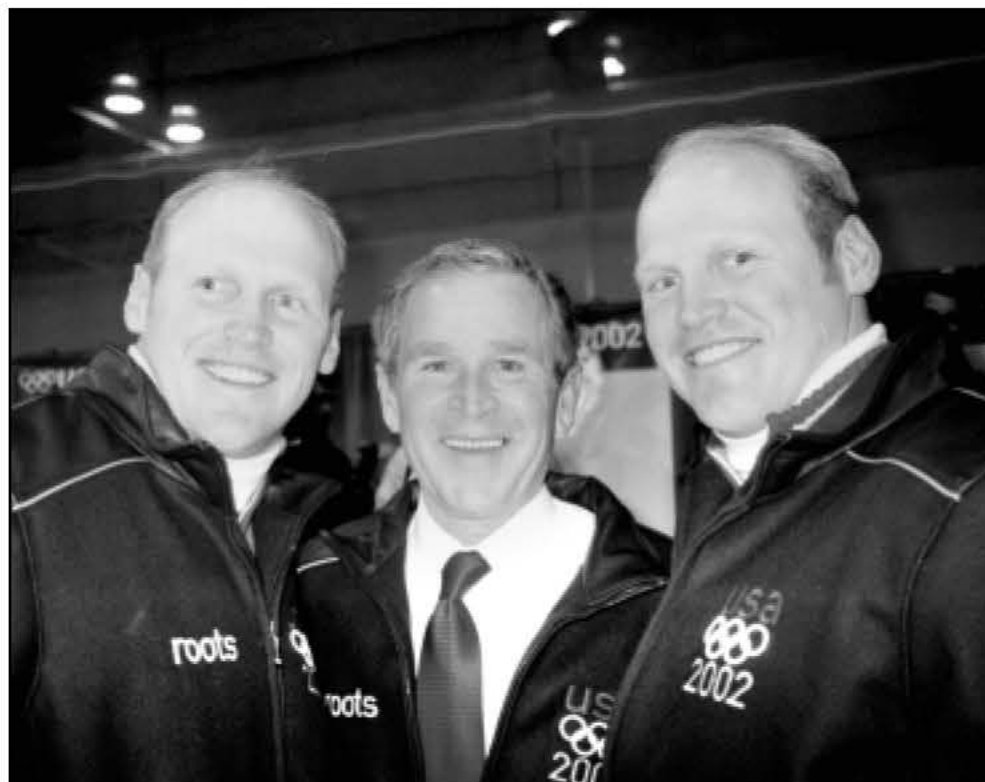
It may seem as if Steele has bypassed his dreams in track and field, but the Sherrard, Ill. native's ambitions to qualify for the Olympics as a decathlete that helped lead to his success in the bobsled.

"I never bypassed track and field. I tried it in 1996 and in 2000, and I almost made it," Steele said of qualifying for the Summer Olympics. "This is only my second season in bobsledding."

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## Double the pleasure, double the fun

Dan Steele shared his Olympic experience with someone very close to him – his brother, Darrin



Photos submitted by of Dan Steele

(Left) Dan and Darrin Steele take a break from the Olympic Games for a visit from President Bush. The President declared open the Games at the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. (Right) Dan and Darrin Steele both competed in the 2002 Winter Olympics in the men's bobsled, but not in the same sled. Dan raced in the four-man bobsled team while his twin brother took ninth in the two-man bobsled. Both Dan and Darrin were All-American track and field athletes at Eastern.